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1. In early November 1949 there were about fifty or sixty Soviet technicians in Canton. Some of them were advising in connection with the operation of former Nationalist Government-owned industrial, financial and other economic enterprises, and others were active in cultural and propaganda work, but the precise nature of their assignments and their names had not been disclosed.
2. Many of the Soviet advisers and technicians speak no Cantonese, and a considerable number of them are fluent in English. They have the reputation of spending freely and drinking heavily, and frequently patronize cabarets in Canton, often in the company of women students from the local universities. They frequently make disparaging comments about their Chinese colleagues to their Chinese dancing companions.

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